(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to instal Hot Rolling facilities at a cost of Rs. 400 crores in Salem Steel Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) In March, 1988, Government sanctioned the setting up of a second Sendzimir Mill in Salem Steel Plant increasing the capacity of cold rolled sheets/coils from the present 32,000 tonnes per annum to 70,000 tonnes per annum at a total cost of Rs. 69.37 crores. This scheme is scheduled to be completed in August, 1991.

(c) Government are considering a proposal to instal Hot Rolling Facilities for Stainless Steel at Salem Steel Plant at an estimated cost of about Rs. 331 crores.

Production capacity of Pepsi Foods

*235. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the installed capacity of Pepsi Foods for processing of fruits and vegetables is 7,062 tonnes per annum, against a licenced capacity of 12,000 tonnes per annum;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the projected sale of fruit and vegetable products is Rs. 14.5 crores in a total sale of Rs. 52 crores for 1992; and

(c) whether the potato/grain products would be exported to make up the export obligation of self manufactured commodities.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Ltd. have been granted a letter of intent for the manufacture of processed fruits/vegetables products for an annual capacity of 12,000 tonnes and the letter of intent is valid for a period of three years from the date of issue within which they can establish the capacity.

(b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries do not have any such information

(c) The export obligation of M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Ltd. does not specify which particular item they have to export from their own production in order to discharge their export obligation.

Case against National Consumers Cooperative Federation

*236. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the National Consumers Cooperative Federation has borrowed money from commercial banks in excess of value of goods mortgaged by the Federation with the banks;

(b) if so, whether the price of the mortgaged goods stated by the Federation was not correct and whether this was in the knowledge of those banks;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which the concerned banks have advanced money to the Federation in excess of the price of the goods;

(d) whether Government propose to conduct an inquiry into the matter; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (e) The National Consumers Cooperative Federation (NCCF) has been financed by a consortium of three public sector banks viz. Canara Bank, State Bank of Saurashtra and

UCO Bank. The Federation had also received finance from Delhi State Co-operative Bank Ltd. All the public sector banks have reported that they have not given finance in excess of the value of the goods charged to the banks. There have been, however, some irregularities in the dealings of the Federation with the banks. The matter has been discussed in detail by the banks and the concerned organisations and agencies and appropriate action taken in the matter. In accordance with the statutes governing the public sector banks and as per the customs and usages prevalent among the bankers. the information relating to an individual constitutent of the bank cannot be divulged.

RBI Committee's Findings on Unviability of SSI Units

*237. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the MINSTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee of RBI has found 1.86 lakhs small scale industrial units unviable;

(b) if so, on what criteria the viability has been worked out; and

(c) what is the shrinkage of employment due to non-viability of these units?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) A Standing Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Deputy Governor in Reserve Bank of India reviews on an ongoing basis flow of institutional credit to SSI sector and *inter-alia* looks into the position of sickness in the sector. Reserve Bank of India has reported that as at the end of December 1987, the total number of sick SSI units was 2,04,259. Of these, 12.484 were found to be potentially viable and viability had yet to be decided in respect of 4941 units.

RBI has issued instructions indicating criteria for deciding potential viability of a sick SSI unit. A unit may be regarded as potentially viable if it would be in a position to continue to service its repayment obligations as agreed upon including those forming part of a package without the help of concessions after the specified period. RBI has also mentioned that implementation of such a relief package should not exceed five years from the date of commencement of the package which may include *inter-alia* concessioss from banks, financial institutions and other concerned agencies. In the case of tiny/decentralised sector units the period of reliefs, concessions and repayment period of restructured debt would be two years ond three years respectively. RBI has further reported that as per the present system of data collection. shrinkage of employment due to non-viability of such sick units is not maintained by it.

Vacancies of Judges and pending cases in the Allahabad High Court

*238. SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of vacancies of Judges in the Allahabad High Court and for how long and what are the reasons for not filling these posts; and

(b) what is the number of cases pending in this High Court for 3 years, 5 years, 10 years and more?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) As on 1-5-1990, there were 16 vacancies of Judges/ Additional Judge out of the total